

Application No. 10/675,004  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to entry of this Response, claims 8-26 were presented for consideration on the merits. Claims 1-7 and 28-59 have been withdrawn. Claim 27 was canceled.

Claim 8 is now amended. Claims 9 and 10 are canceled. Claims 17 and 18 are amended. Claims 19 and 20 are canceled. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 8, 11-18 and 21-26 remain pending for consideration.

Applicant has amended independent claims 8, 17 and 18 as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner previously indicated that the amendments would place the claims in condition for allowance. Claims 9, 10 and 19-20 have been canceled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the application are now in condition for allowance.

***The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in the event that this Response does not place the application in condition for allowance.***

It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course.

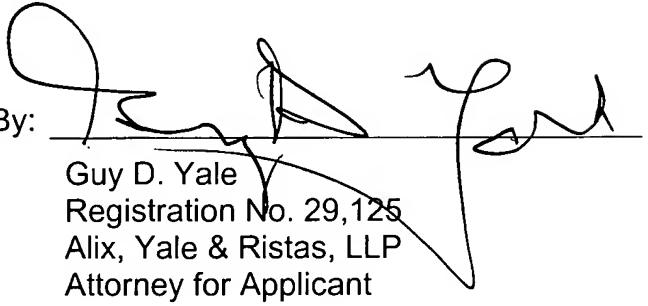
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